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Lightpaths to Dynamically Assigned Higher Priority
Traffic
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I believe I am the first, original and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

**METHOD OF ADAPTING AN OPTICAL NETWORK TO
PROVIDE LIGHTPATHS TO DYNAMICALLY ASSIGNED
HIGHER PRIORITY TRAFFIC**

the specification of which is identified above.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to us to be material to the patentability of this application as defined by Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim no foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate.

I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 or § 120 as may be applicable, of United States application for patent, serial number 10/118,084 filed on April 8, 2002, which claims priority on United States application serial number 60/282,318 filed on April 6, 2001.

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